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WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION
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COTTON AND FIBER DIVISION

SAN FRANCISCO 3, CALIFORNIA

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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

HARVESTING OF THE REMAINDER OF THE CROP AND COMPLETION OF THE CLASSING SEASON WAS AGAIN RETARDED BY ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN REGION. REPORTS FROM SOME AREAS INDICATE THAT A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE COTTON REMAINING IN THE FIELDS MIGHT NOT BE PICKED BECAUSE OF SEVERE DETERIORATION.

GIN CLOSE-OUT REPORTS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, AND VERY SHORTLY THE PROGRAM ANALYSIS DIVISION WILL BEGIN THE PREPARATION OF INDIVIDUAL GIN REPORTS. ALL WORK INCIDENTAL TO THE COMPLETION OF BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP REPORTS WILL BE HANDLED BY THE REGIONAL OFFICE, AFTER WHICH THEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE RESPECTIVE CLASSING OFFICES FOR DISTRIBUTION.

MR. LANHAM DEPARTED FOR EL PASO MONDAY MORNING, IN THE INTEREST OF VARIOUS PHASES OF OUR WORK IN THAT AREA. HE EXPECTS TO RETURN IN ABOUT A WEEK, PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

A REPORT JUST RELEASED SHOWS THAT THE WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION IN THE WESTERN REGION, PURCHASED 105% OF ITS QUOTA DURING THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - DURING THE PAST WEEK THIS SECTION OF CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS OTHER SECTIONS, EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE WORST WEATHER IN RECENT YEARS. THE VALLEY HAD INTERMITTENT RAINFALL DAILY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, WHILE SNOWFALL IN THE MOUNTAINS HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM TWO OR FIVE FEET DEEP. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PREPARATION OF LAND FOR PLANTING IN SOME SECTIONS, OTHER FARMING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN AT A STANDSTILL, WITH ADVERSE WEATHER CONTINUING IT IS REPORTED IN SOME SECTIONS THAT THE REMAINING COTTON WILL NOT BE HARVESTED. SOME PRODUCERS ARE ENCOUNTERING A LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING AVAILABLE PICKERS WHO ARE WILLING TO RETURN TO FIELDS FOR THE SECOND PICKINGS. TUESDAY THE WRITER AND MR. SMITH CALLED ON THE CALIFORNIA PLANTING COTTON SEED DISTRIBUTORS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON FORM CPS 1, COTTON PLANTING SEED PRICE SCHEDULE. THE COMPLETED FORM HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO DR. WRIGHT. THE WRITER WAS IN TRAVEL STATUS WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, CONTACTING COOPERATING GINS SECURING GINNING DATA ON CMR-2'S AND CMR-3'S FOR DR. WRIGHT. THE DEMAND REMAINS FIRM FOR THE LOWER GRADES, LOW MIDDLING AND BELOW, HOWEVER, THE DEMAND FOR THE BETTER GRADES AND STAPLES WAS REPORTED TO BE NIL. MOST INQUIRIES STILL ORIGINATE WITH THE SOUTHEASTERN MILLS FOR PROMPT SHIPMENTS. MERCHANTS REPORT THAT OFFERS OR PRICES BEING RECEIVED, ESPECIALLY FOR THE BETTER GRADES, CONTINUE UNATTRACTIVE. THEREFORE, FEW NEW SALES HAVE BEEN MADE.....DIXON.

EL PASO - SCATTERED SHOWERS AND COLD WEATHER HAVE RETARDED PICKING IN THIS AREA. GINS GENERALLY OVER THE AREA ARE CLOSING DOWN AND ANOTHER TWO WEEKS SHOULD SEE GINNING COMPLETED. APPROXIMATELY 1/4 OF THE GINS HAVE CLOSED OUT IN THE AREA AND THE PERCENT COOPERATION ON THESE HAS AVERAGED FULLY 99%. A CHECK WITH THE TAG COMPANIES REVEALS THAT OF THE GINS IN THIS AREA ALL ARE AVAILING THEMSELVES OF THE NEW TAG, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOUR FINS. TWO OF THESE IN THE SAN JON AND PORTALES SEMI-RAIN GROWN AREA HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED, AND THEY ARE DOUBTFUL DUE TO THE VERY SMALL VOLUME OF GINNING DONE EACH YEAR. THE OTHER TWO GINS, ONE OF CANDELARIA AND ONE AT GRAND FALLS, HAVE A LARGE SUPPLY OF OLD TAGS ON HAND. ACTIVITY WAS ABOUT UNCHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK. VOLUME OF BUSINESS BEING TRANSACTED IS SMALL AND SOMEWHAT LESS THAN LAST WEEK. INQUIRIES FROM MILLS FELL OFF AND THE FEW INQUIRIES BEING RECEIVED ARE CENTERING AROUND THE SNEW TO SLMW 1-1/16 TO 1-3/32. SXP QUALITIES CONTINUE TO ENTER THE CCC PURCHASE PROGRAM AND THE LOAN ON THE GRADES BELOW 1/3. MISS GALLAGHER, RECENTLY WITH THIS OFFICE, HAS PASSED WITH THE HIGHEST MENTAL TEST OF ANY RECRUIT THROUGH THE EL PASO RECRUITING OFFICE OF THE WAC, AS NOTED IN THE EL PASO MORNING TIMES.....BUTTERWORTH.

PHOENIX - SNOW, RANGING UP TO AS HIGH AS TWENTY INCHES FELL IN NORTHERN AND NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA THE PAST WEEK, WHILE THE REST OF THE STATE RECEIVED FROM ONE TO TWO AND ONE-HALF INCHES OF RAIN. THIS ADDED MOISTURE WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO PASTURE LAND, SMALL GRAIN AND TO THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE COMING SEASON. COTTON HARVESTING WAS COMPLETELY STOPPED, AND IT WILL PROBABLY BE THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK BEFORE THE FARMERS CAN AGAIN ENTER THEIR FIELDS. FROM REPORT

WE HAVE RECEIVED, IT APPEARS THAT A LARGE PERCENT OF THE SXP GINS IN ARIZONA WILL NOT OPERATE THIS COMING SEASON. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THIS WILL PROBABLY MEAN, EVEN A GREATER REDUCTION IN ACREAGE PLANTED TO THIS VARIETY. RECEIPTS CONTINUE TO DECLINE, BUT WE STILL ATTRIBUTE THIS TO THE WEATHER. THIS IS THE LAST DAY MR. RADEMAKER WILL BE WITH US, AS HE IS TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE NAVY TOMORROW AND WILL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, EITHER FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA OR SOME PLACE IN IDAHO. WE WISH HIM EVERY SUCCESS AND THE BEST OF LUCK, AND TRUST THAT HE WILL BE WITH US AGAIN WHEN HITLER AND TOJO ARE PROPERLY TAKEN CARE OF. ACTIVITY IN THE UPLAND COTTON MARKET WAS SOMEWHAT SLOWER THE PAST WEEK, WHILE THERE IS STILL A GOOD DEMAND FOR SLMW AND BETTER, VERY LITTLE COTTON OF THIS DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE. A SMALL AMOUNT OF THE LOWER GRADES IS SELLING AT ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT LOAN PRICE. APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED BALES OF THIS YEAR'S LOW GRADE SXP WAS SOLD AT SLIGHTLY OVER THE LOAN PRICE, SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A FAIR AMOUNT OF THIS COTTON MAY BE SOLD TO THE TRADE INSTEAD OF GOING INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOAN..... CRITTENDON.

LOS ANGELES - LOS ANGELES HAS SUFFERED FROM A VERY SEVERE STORM STARTING LAST SATURDAY AND RUNNING THROUGH WEDNESDAY, WITH OVER FIVE INCHES OF RAIN FOR THE WEEK. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE FROM WIND, HAIL AND FLOOD CONDITIONS. TEMPERATURES AVERAGED THE LOWEST OF ANY WEEK OF THE WINTER. PRODUCTION HAS RUN ABOUT 20,000 NET POUNDS FOR THE WEEK. THEY HAVE IMPROVED THE FLAMEPROOFING EQUIPMENT AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO INCREASE THE OUTPUT. TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE ON THIS ALLOTMENT 419,421 NET POUNDS.....DORR.

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN REGION, THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 1944.

	WEEK	SEASON						
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	TOTAL
BAKERSFIELD	5369		308,738	2840			958	312,536
EL PASO	1930		173,497	160			1850	175,507
PHOENIX	1518		108,980	31	217			109,228
TOTAL	8817		591,215	3031	217		2808	597,271

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